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SUBJECT: GHANA RESPONSE ON LOCAL USE OF GEOGRAPHICAL  
INDICATIONS

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1. Per reftel, Post reports that there do not appear to be any products in Ghana that would be affected by the EU's proposals on Geographic Indications. Ghana currently imports most of the types of products listed reftel and on the EC website, including many such products from South Africa. Ghana mainly exports primary agriculture, forestry, and mining products, e.g., cocoa, timber, gold, bauxite. It is developing a variety of non traditional agriculture (horticulture) exports, such as pineapple and mango, that are not grown in Europe. A number of Ghanaian and foreign companies are investing in value added enterprises, especially in agri-business, and often with GoG or donor assistance. However, their future products will be primarily processed (canned or bottled) fruits, vegetables, and juices, and are unlikely to resemble the products of most interest to EU member countries. Regards.  
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